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FEDERATION.

Thousands Throng Opening of the National Convention at Indianapolis.

Apostolic Delegate Falconio Brings the Blessing of Holy Father.

Most Representative Catholic Body Ever Assembled in America.

KENTUCKIANS ON COMMITTEES

The sixth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies opened last Sunday in Indianapolis, and was the most representative Catholic gathering that ever assembled in this country. There were in attendance the highest dignitaries of the church in the United States, besides the Papal Delegate, who brought to the Federation the blessing of the Pope. The first session was held Sunday evening in Tomlinson Hall, when the address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Bookwalter, and after the response by President Feeney. Right Rev. Monsignor Schrenks, Bishop of Grand Rapids, held the vast audience spellbound for an hour. Monsignor Falconio, who spoke briefly, touched only on the religious aspect of the work of the Federation. He spoke of his pleasure of being here as a messenger of the Holy Father, Pius X., whose blessing he brought to the Federation. He promised a favorable report of the present convention to the Vatican and pledged himself to do all in his power to assist the Federation, which he stated was an invaluable aid to the church. The first business session was held Monday morning, when William M. Fogarty extended the welcome for the Indianapolis Catholic societies. Throughout the convention was a memorable one to Catholics, and despite the heat and the address of enthusiasm retained to the last an air of reverence and dignity that gave hint of its churchly character. All delegates were seated, and John J. Sullivan and A. J. Sheridan, of this city, were placed on the credentials and finances committees, and the reports of President Feeney and Secretary Matre were loudly applauded and showed a tremendous growth of the Federation.

At the afternoon session the time was devoted to the reading of letters and dispatches and the address of Archbishop Bleck, which closed with these words: "I was born in Germany and I became a Catholic in France. In Ireland I completed my studies. Still later in my life I came to America, and I find in my heart my greatest love is for the United States of America." The Rev. Father Currier of the Catholic Indian Mission next spoke on behalf of the Indians. He stated there were 291,000 Indians in the United States and that 180,000 of these are Catholics. Of this number he asserted 100,000 were Catholic Indians, and this left about 110,000 pagan Indians in the United States. There are 27,500 in Catholic schools and almost an equal number, he stated, in Government and other schools. He pleaded eloquently for help for the schools, where he said there was room for a wide extension of the work of the church.

Tuesday's session was addressed by Bishop Horstmann, and after the committee reports had been received much enthusiasm was occasioned when the Catholic Extension Society and the Massachusetts State Court of Catholic Foresters announced their affiliation. The last act of the session was the passing with reverent approval of the resolution to renew allegiance to His Holiness, Pope Pius X. A cable message renewing allegiance was ordered sent to Cardinal Merry del Val at Rome, and was as follows:

"The American Federation of Catholic Societies, in national convention assembled at Indianapolis, renews its allegiance to His Holiness, Pope Pius X., and expresses its sympathy with him in his many trials and begs the apostolic benediction." The cablegram was sent in the name of the three highest prelates of the Catholic church in America present at the convention, namely the Most Rev. S. G. Messier, Archbishop of Milwaukee; the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, N. J.; and the Right Rev. Ignatius F. Horstmann, Bishop of Cleveland.

The final session was held Wednesday, when resolutions against Socialism were adopted, and the movement for uniting the Young Men's Institute and kindred societies was deferred until the next convention, which will be held in Boston. The following officers were unanimously elected:

President, Edward Feeney, Brooklyn, N. Y.; First Vice President, John B. Oelkers, Newark, N. J.; Second Vice President, Thomas P. Flynn, Chicago; Third Vice President, G. W. Stenger, St. Paul; Fourth Vice President, Henry Wesslager, Boston; Fifth Vice President, J. J. Hines, Buffalo; Sixth Vice President, Gilbert Harmon, Toledo; National Secretary, Anthony Matre, St. Louis; National Treasurer, G. H. Schulte, Detroit; Marshal, H. J. Falk, Atchison, Kan.; Color Bearer, Joseph Bern Cloud, Pine Ridge, S. D.; Executive Board—Nicholas Gonner, Dubuque; T. B. Minnehan, Seattle; Daniel Duffy, Pottsville; Walter George Smith, Philadelphia; Thomas H. Cannon, Chicago; Peter Wallrath,



GEORGE J. BUTLER, State President, A. O. H., and Member Picnic Committee.

Evansville; Dr. E. Gaudin, New Orleans; F. W. Immekus, Pittsburgh; Casper Wolf, St. Louis.

REV. PAUL ALF.

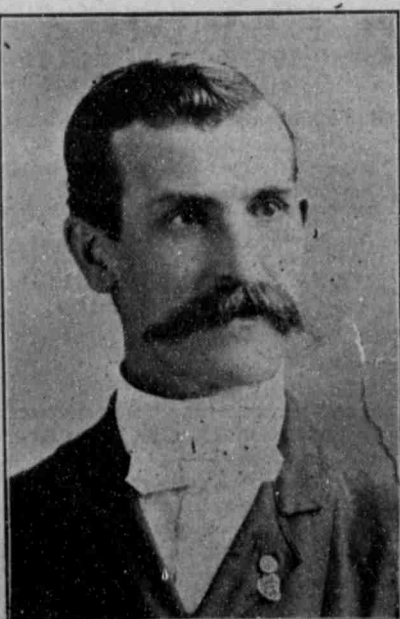
Beloved Pastor of St. Boniface Goes to His Eternal Reward.

Rev. Paul Alf, for ten years the pastor of St. Boniface church, this city, passed to his eternal reward Thursday morning, after suffering for four years with rheumatism and diabetes. Father Paul, as he was generally called, was greatly beloved by the members of his parish, and was one of the most popular members of the Franciscan order in Louisville. He had labored incessantly for the good of his parish, and a new church, a new school house and the convent stand as monuments to him. Among the youth of the parish he was especially popular, and to his watchful care and interest many young men and women owe their present success and standing. Father Alf was born June 21, 1852, at St. Leon, Ind. After receiving a good education he became a member of the Order of St. Francis in 1873, and was made a priest in 1877. His first charges were missions in Indiana, Kansas and Illinois. He was then made pastor of St. George's in Cincinnati. When Father Alf took this church it was heavily in debt, but he lifted the debt and restored the church to a condition of strength and usefulness. Following this Father Alf went to Chatham, Canada, where he had a parish for several years. In 1897 he came to Louisville as pastor of St. Boniface. His work here is best attested by the substantial results which are shown, including the new church and the schoolhouse, which is almost complete. He had endeavored himself to the congregation and a large acquaintance in the Falls Cities, and everywhere the news of his death was received with expressions of deepest regret. Surviving him are his parents and several sisters and brothers. The funeral services will be held Monday morning at St. Boniface church, and will be attended by all the local and many out-of-town clergymen.

FAREWELL.

Rev. James L. Whelan Ends Long Pastorate at Stithton.

Rev. James L. Whelan, for the past twelve years the zealous and beloved pastor of St. Patrick's church at Stithton, held his farewell service there last Sunday, having been transferred by Bishop McCloskey to St. Alphonsus' church at St. Joseph, in Daviess county, where he will have a wider field and more important charge. Father Whelan was not only beloved as a pastor by the members of his congregation, but he was a most genial gentleman, and one of the most progressive and public-spirited of the clergymen of the community, and his departure is a matter of general regret. Father John S. Henry, formerly administrator of St. Anthony's church at Axtel, Breckinridge county, has been assigned to St. Patrick's and the people of Stithton will find in him a worthy successor to Father Whelan.



WILLIAM T. MEEHAN, Member Hibernian Picnic Committee.

ALL TURN OUT.

Hibernians and Their Friends Will Celebrate in Thousands Monday.

Will Revive Memories of the Old Times and Friends in Ireland.

Merrymaking for Both Young and Old Added to Irish Games.

SPLENDID WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Nothing remains to be done in the way of making arrangements for the great Irish national games and summer festival at Ninaweb Park next Monday except to call the attention of all Hibernians, and in fact of all who wish a pleasant day's outing, to the attractions that will be offered. This is the one time in the year that the sons and daughters of the Emerald Isle and their friends gather in one big and merry reunion and commemorate the old customs and sports that have made the Irish the greatest athletes the world ever knew. Everybody who knows anything at all about Ireland and the Irish knows what a Hibernian field day and summer festival is—the most hearty and joyous of all Irish gatherings.

The committee that have had charge of the arrangements have made every preparation and guarantee to the sport-loving public a day and evening which shall be recorded in the history of local Gaelic sports and pastimes as a preamble for future events. Messrs. Thomas Dolan, George J. Butler, D. J. Coleman, Thomas D. Clines, John J. Barry, Joseph Lynch and Joseph L. Leunhan and their assistants have arranged a programme of athletic events that will be interesting and amusing. The field has been put in first-class condition and it is safe to say some records will be made. There will be thirteen events, as follows:

Fifty-yards dash for boys under fourteen years of age.
Fifty-yards dash for girls under fourteen years of age.
Egg race for ladies.
Potato race for boys not over eighteen years of age.
Sack race.
The following events will be confined to entries from Catholic societies:
Fat men's race.
Shot put.
High jump.
Hundred-yard dash.
Relay race.
Hammer throw.
Hop, step and jump.
Running broad jump.
Tug of war.

For each of the foregoing a large number of entries have been received. Among the questions raised and to be decided is which division has the strongest tug-of-war team, and much interest will center in this contest. Some say Division 1 and the men of Limerick have, and they have good reason for saying so, while others insist that Division 1 and its West End followers will carry off the honors, and their judgment is not out of the question either. But it will be well for all to remember Divisions 2 and 3, for in their ranks will be found numbers of the strongest men in the order, and if they enter teams their opponents will realize that they had a contest.

Every Catholic society in Louisville is represented in some one of the athletic events. The Knights of Columbus, Mackin Council, Catholic Knights of America and the Hibernians all have entries in the relay and fat men's races and some exciting finishes may be looked for. Another event that all will want to witness will be the egg race for ladies, which is third on the programme.

For the other events a number of well known athletes have been practicing for weeks past, and when the contestants are lined up it will be found there is a most spirited rivalry between the different sections of the city. The Ladies' Auxiliary will lend valuable assistance on this occasion and extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to meet them and be their guests at what bids fair to be the greatest outing ever attempted by Louisville Hibernians. The Hibernians as hosts have made provision for the musical entertainment of all classes alike, and Prof. Thomas Scally's band will enter to those who wish to dance, and will render special music for reels, jigs, sets and figure dances.

The Games' Committee, under whose rules the events will be conducted, will have full charge of the contests, so that no hitch remains to mar a good day's sport. All will be run off on schedule time, and therefore all who can should be at the park at 2 o'clock. There will be an abundance of refreshments of all kinds and plenty to eat, so that those who desire may spend the entire afternoon and evening in the park. Quite a number of attractions for the amusement of the throngs will follow the games, so that there will be something doing all the time.

WILL EMPLOY MANY.

A new industry is being developed in County Antrim, Ireland, due to the recent discovery of china clay near the village of Doagh. The clay is said to be practically identical in composition with that found in the

famous pits of Cornwall, which have furnished the raw material for pottery all over the Western world. A syndicate of Cornishmen has acquired the Irish pits. They expect in a short time to have 500 men employed in them.

RECENT DEATHS.

The passing away of Frank J. Hubbard, of 1212 Fetter street, Tuesday night, caused a great shock to his neighbors and friends. The deceased was a member of St. Boniface church, where the funeral services were held yesterday morning.

After long suffering from cancer Mrs. Maggie Wertz, of 1320 Churchill street, was released from earthly troubles Tuesday morning. For some time hope for her recovery had been abandoned and she patiently awaited the end, fortified by the last sacraments of her holy religion. Her funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. William's church, Rev. Denis Murphy officiating at the solemn obsequies.

William Garrity, an aged and respected resident of this city, died last Friday. He was the father of Mrs. Michael Collins, 2015 Lytle street, and the funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Cecilia's church. Death resulted from paralysis brought on by sunstroke suffered several years ago. In his younger days he was a successful business man on the river and was well known and liked from Pittsburg to New Orleans.

Miss Ellenora Schafer, aged thirty-four years, daughter of Mrs. Catherine and the late Andrew Schafer, died Monday night at this family residence, 1513 Jackson street, after an illness of several weeks of bronchitis. She was possessed of many fine traits of character and her death is deplored by a wide circle of friends and relatives. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. Vincent's church, of which deceased was a devout member.

With feelings of profound regret the many friends of Fred Schene learned of his death on Tuesday. He was a native of this city and lived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Schene, and a brother, Theodore Schene. Deceased had for some time been associated with his uncle, Fred in der Stroth, 1005 West Broadway, and was popular in both business and social circles. The death occurred Thursday morning at Holy Cross church, and the edifice was thronged with those who came to pay the last tribute to their departed friend.

Cornelius J. Lane, a well known and popular citizen, died Sunday morning at his home, 1216 Highland avenue, after a long illness of stomach trouble. Deceased was a graduate of St. Xavier's College and possessed a bright intellect and lovable disposition, and his presence in the home and among his young friends will be missed. Besides his mother he leaves one brother, William Lane, stationed with the regular army at New York. Before his death young Lane requested that his college classmates act as pall-bearers and this request was carried out at the funeral, which took place Tuesday morning from St. Brigid's church, Rev. Father Connolly being the celebrant of the mass of requiem.

DESERVE THEIR WELCOME.

Under the above head the Indianapolis Star paid a nice tribute to the Catholics when the Federation met there this week. Editorially it said:

"Mayor Bookwalter rightly reflected the sentiment of this enlightened city and State when he bade the Catholic societies welcome to Indianapolis in words which carried a rebuke to bigoted and outward hostility toward the Catholic church. No count in the world is so free as the United States from religious hatreds and denominational feuds. We had them in abundance once; but now we can hardly realize the bitterness with which they used to rage. Religion forms a people, but a people forms its religion; so that Catholicism in the United States is very largely what American Catholics have made it. Here on this free soil and with our wonderful electric habit in every field of human thought the Catholic church thrives and fits into our institutions. Its prelates and its faithful, its priests and its laymen, its hospitals and missions, its faithful and unrelenting labors for the sanctification of the home, its wise and unflinching attention to the training of the child. Its example in these ways is an inspiration to the world."

OFFERED TO CROKER.

Dublin dispatches say Richard Croker has declined the Nationalist nomination for member of Parliament for East Wicklow to replace D. J. Cogan, the Nationalist member who resigned after the Birrell bill was introduced in the House of Commons.

IMMIGRATION.

Figures just issued at Washington show that all immigration records in the history of the country were broken by the aggregate returns for the fiscal year of 1907, which ended on June 30 last. The total number of alien immigrants landed in America during the year was 1,255,349, as against 1,100,735 landed during the fiscal year of 1906. The increase during the past year was about 6 per cent, over the greatest number of immigrants that ever arrived in America heretofore in a single year.

VINCENTIANS.

Great Catholic Charity Society Will Observe Feast of Its Patron Saint.

All Conferences Will Receive Holy Communion Tomorrow Morning.

Great Preparations Made For Their Reception at St. Anthony's Church.

FATHER VINCENT TO PREACH SERMON

Tomorrow will be the red letter day for the 800 members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society organization. They will then celebrate the feast of their patronal saint by attending mass at St. Anthony's church, Twenty-third and Market, and receive holy communion in a body. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is recognized as the greatest charity organization in the world unless one excepts the Catholic church, of which it forms an important part. This society has come to the relief of thousands in this city and has been the means of saving almost countless numbers from ruin and the loss of their souls. Nearly every church in the city has its conference, and Louisville today is one of the best organized cities in the country. Without any blare of trumpets or display, but quietly and unostentatiously, the members of these conferences seek out the needy and deserving poor and color, and render them all needed assistance, and in thousands of poor homes have every winter kept the wolf from the door. The charity of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is Christian charity, which makes the world and the people better spiritually as well as materially.

Each year the Vincents make an annual church visitation and communion in honor of the holy founder of the society. But this is not all, as each conference receives the blessed sacrament quarterly at their respective churches, while large numbers perform this duty monthly. This year the Particular Council accepted the invitation of Rev. Father Leo Greulich and St. Anthony's Conference, and tomorrow morning at 7:30 o'clock they will assemble at that church for this pleasant and edifying duty. The people of St. Anthony's parish are nothing if not hospitable, and they have made every arrangement for this visitation, which President James Campbell and Secretary John Doyle expect will outnumber any of former years. St. Anthony's is a large church and with ample room for all, and it is safe to say that many who have never before been will be both delighted and surprised with its beauty.

Upon this occasion the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Father Vincent Trost, the noted Franciscan missionary and one of the most eloquent and powerful pulpit orators of the present day. Many there are who have listened to the missionary discourses of Father Vincent in past years, and it is safe to say there is not a Vincentin who will not be eager to hear him tomorrow morning. Besides the pastor of St. Anthony's it is expected that Father Deppen and others of the local clergy will grace the occasion with their presence and assist in administering the sacrament of holy communion.

Following the mass the community cantata will be escorted to St. Anthony's Hall, where they will partake of a collation prepared by St. Anthony's Conference and the ladies of the parish. This will be a pleasing ending of what promises to mark an epoch in the history of this great Catholic society.

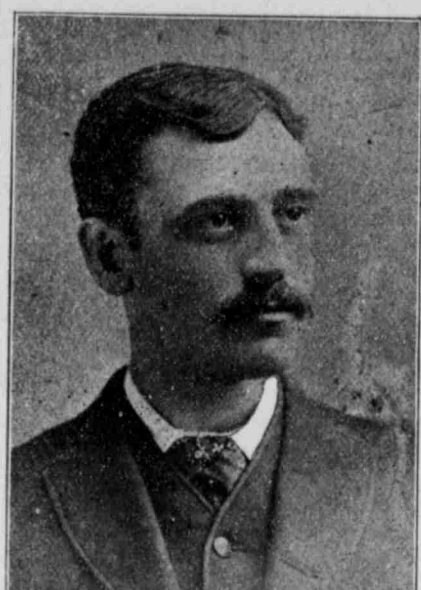
In the afternoon at 3 o'clock all members will reassemble at St. Francis Hall for the annual meeting, for which an interesting programme has been arranged. Here short addresses will be made by clergy and laymen, and every member is earnestly urged to be present. All the conferences will submit their reports, and a number of them will prove quite interesting. It is also probable that initiatory steps will be taken for work for the fall and winter months. Hopes are entertained that this meeting will surpass the one held in March that greeted President Mulry, who is now the head of the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

OLDEST CARRIER RETIRES.

After being in the employ of the United States uninterruptedly for fifty years in New York City, James Delaney, said to be the oldest letter carrier in the country, retired from the service Tuesday. Acting Postmaster Morgan sent Delaney a congratulatory letter for his splendid record and faithful service. Though he is eighty-two years old Delaney is hale and hearty.

OFFICE FOR WOMAN.

For the first time a woman has been appointed Governor or rather Governoress of the Irish National Gallery Institution in Dublin. Lady Butler was chosen for the post by the Irish Viceroys, Lord Aberdeen, who thus came out practically in favor of women being selected for prominent offices. The London newspapers foresee the time when Ireland, instead of



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being governed by a Viceroy, will have as the representative of the British Government a Vicerine.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Holds Spirited Meeting and Decides For Summer Reunion.

President Joseph McGinn presided at a spirited meeting of the Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America last Friday night, at which the branches of the Falls Cities, evening, and John Schalda reported the result of his visit to Branch 5, Thomas Keenan was present and spoke for the Catholic Knights and Ladies and expressed his approval of the Central Committee. At the conclusion of his remarks a resolution was adopted calling upon all branches to attend the outing of the C. K. and L. of A. at the White City. After some discussion the Central Committee decided to hold a summer reunion for the members and friends of the order, and instructed the Entertainment Committee to immediately arrange for the same. At a meeting held Tuesday night at the Kentucky Irish American office it was decided to hold the reunion at the White City on Monday, August 19. The programme is now being prepared and next week the tickets will be ready for distribution. It is intended to inaugurate several interesting contests, the entries for which will be announced later.

ORPHANS' FESTIVAL.

Outing for the Benefit of St. Joseph's Asylum on August 7.

The orphans' festival, given for the benefit of St. Joseph's Asylum, will be held on the asylum grounds at Crescent Hill on Wednesday, August 7, for which those in charge and the German Catholics of the city are making great preparation. This asylum for fatherless children is one of the institutions in which Louisville should feel the greatest pride, and every citizen should feel it a pleasure to contribute to the success of this festival, which means so much for the comfort and happiness of the unfortunate little ones during the long and dreary months that will soon be here. This is indeed a most worthy charity and appeals to all without regard to race or creed. Excellent music will be provided, and there will be plenty of entertainment. The orphans always present a pleasing programme and the booths will be numerous and beautiful. Good meals will be served and there will be an abundance of refreshments, and at night there will be a grand illumination. The tickets will be only twenty-five cents.

MEMPHIS DELEGATE.

Memphis Council of the Young Men's Institute at the regular meeting last week, which James J. Cusick presided over, the Kentucky Grand Council, with L. Kleiner as alternate. Many will be disappointed when they learn this, as it was confidently expected that city would send two representatives to Owensboro.



JOSEPH L. LENIHAN, Chairman Picnic Advertising Committee.

DENIED RIGHTS.

How Outsiders View Treatment of Kentucky Catholics By Democrats.

Without Their Votes That Party Would Be Overwhelmingly Defeated.

Changes That Are Now Taking Place Disappointing to Many.

MAY COST PARTY MANY VOTES.

The changes made by Gov. Beckham and Mayor Bingham among the Democratic officers and employees of the city of Louisville are disappointing to many, and if continued may cost the party many votes at the election to be held in November. In this city there is a large population of Irish-Americans, German-Americans and Italian-Americans, who furnish the Democratic party the bulk of its vote, but none of them are given representation on the public boards. This treatment is causing much dissatisfaction, and is being noted by the press of other cities. Upon this subject the editor of the Syracuse Catholic Sun, who knows the situation and was until a few years ago a resident of this city, has this to say:

Unless all signs fail Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, has just done something liable to affect his party in that State, ultimately, even if it does not prove to be the last straw in the long list of wrongs done to the Catholics in that State. He has appointed to the office of the city of Louisville a Protestant and Prohibitionist instead. Recognition was not asked for Dr. Fowler on the ground that he was a Catholic, but because his appointment would unite all factions of his party. At the same time the Catholic element believed that some consideration should be given its claims, owing to the faithful service it had rendered the Democratic party for years.

The statement will scarcely be credited here in the East, yet it is a fact beyond dispute that, in most of the large centers in the South, the Catholic can scarcely be elected to any office which carries high honor and responsibility. There is a Catholic element votes the Democratic ticket almost solidly, and has done so for nearly a century; yet Kentucky has never had but one Catholic Congressman, so far as we can remember. In Louisiana and States where Catholicism is more numerous greater recognition is given brainy men of our faith; yet even in such commonwealths it is scanty indeed.

But in Kentucky conditions are almost unbearable, and the great wonder is that the Catholic people of that State do not resent the slight constantly put upon them. Knowing brainy men, as we do, we can recall the names of fully a dozen Catholic Kentuckians, large-minded, honest, scholarly and of splendid ability, who have gone down in defeat in that State, but some day there will be a change in the not remote past. Kentucky has about 225,000 Catholics and these cast something like 45,000 votes, 90 per cent, of which are cast for the Democratic party, and have been for years. At this distance there would appear to be no reason for the Democratic politicians of Kentucky seem to think they own the Catholic vote and will get it anyway, just as the Republican politicians regard the negro vote. It would seem heresy to speak this way down in that State, but some day there will be a startling change. The Kentucky Catholics will not forever sit still and see their Spaldings, Kearneys, McDermotts, O'Mearas, Wathens and Fowlers refused that recognition to which they are entitled. We know Gov. Beckham, but evidently even he could not rise above his prejudices. The same is true of politicians in many States of the Union.

When the appointing powers have completed their work it will be surprising if the Catholics do not take an inventory, and if they suffer a greater loss they are apt to take such steps as will place the power of appointment with those who will accord them that recognition to which their numbers are entitled.

NONE SUCH HERE.

William S. Prendergast, who has been a policeman in New York City for eleven years, has retired from the force, having made \$500,000 in real estate speculation during the last few years. Prendergast has for some time been known as the richest policeman on the metropolitan police force. He is going to make a tour of Europe, visit his parents in Ireland and then come back to build one of the biggest hotels on Long Island, which he intends to conduct himself.

FOURTEEN CANDIDATES.

Tuesday marked the close of the annual retreat at St. Mary's Academy at South Bend, Ind., and the usual ceremony of investiture in the religious part was performed this morning. At 8 o'clock the procession, including the postulants and novices of the community in order of dignity and age, the fourteen candidates for the habit, the choir, the Bishop's clergy left the convent and proceeded to the chapel. The Right Rev. Alerding, Bishop of the St. diocese, was the celebrant of a solemn high mass.